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4,154,226	Hennig et al.	05-15-1979
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DE 30 11 742 Siemens AG 10-01-1981
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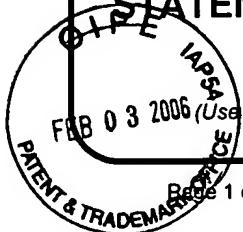
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